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SUBJECT: CRITICISM OF SADAT

REF: STATE 214848, ABIDJAN 7821

1. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR CHABANA RETURNED TO ABIDJAN
SEPTEMBER 16 FROM CAIRO WHERE HE DISCUSSED APPROACH TO GOIC
CONCERNING EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT. HE WILL SEEK APPOINT-
MENT NEXT WEEK WITH FONMIN USHER, WHO RETURNS FROM NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 19 OR 20. CHABANA'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO EXPLAIN
THE JKQEMENT IN DETAIL; TO STRESS THAT EGYPT HASBY NO
MEANS ABANDONED LONG RANGE OBJECTIVES REGARDING RIGHTS OF
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND RETURN OF ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES;
AND TO EXPRESS PRESIDENT SADAT'S FIRM CONVICTION THAT
THE RECENT AGREEMENT IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS PEACE.
CHABANA WILL NOT RPT NOT ACTIVELY SEEK PUBLIC STATEMENT OF
SUPPORT FOR SADAT BY GOIC. ALTHOUGH HE SAID SUCH A STATE-
MENT WOULD BE MOST WELCOME, HIS AUTHORITIES CONSIDER IT
INAPPROPRIATE TO MAKE THE REUEST. HE WAS GRATIFIED AT
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SUGGESTIONS USG MIGHT REQUEST EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR SADAT

AND THOUGHT REQUEST WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED BY GOIC.

2. PRIOR TO CHABANA'S RETURN, EGYPTIAN CHARGE DIAB PRESENTED TEXT OF AGREEMENT TO FONOFF DIRECTOR OF CABINET NOUAMA, STATING CONVICTION OF GOE THAT AGREEMENT REPRESENTED POSITIVE STEP TOWARD PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND THAT HIS AMBASSADOR WOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH SENIOR GOIC AUTHORITIES TO DISCUSS THE AGREEMENT.

3. MOUAMA INFORMED THIS EMBASSY THAT GOIC REACTION TO AGREEMENT WAS ENTIRELY POSITIVE, AND THOUGH FONMIN USHER WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO SUGGESTION OF PUBLIC SUPPORT IF APPROPRIATE MEANS COULD BE FOUND. WE DO NOT WISH TO GET TOO FAR IN FRONT OF EGYPTIANS ON THIS ISSUE, AND PROPOSE SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH USHER FOLLOWING EGYPTIAN DEMARCHE. COOKE

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